

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re the Application of: **NAGATA, Shirohiko, et al.**Serial No.: **10/566,478**Filed: **January 31, 2006**For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MEASURING MOISTURE CONTENT****ATTN: PCT BRANCH**  
Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **5102****RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **June 20, 2006**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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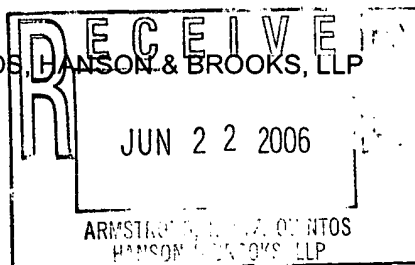


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- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/31/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 01/31/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/31/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/31/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/31/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/31/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/31/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/31/2006

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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